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BLOOD PURIFICATION APPARATUS USING THE SAME

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114,
INCLUDING INTERVIEW SUMMARY**

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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Official Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on October 22, 2009. Inasmuch as the Office Action sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response until January 22, 2010, this paper is timely filed. However, should any extension of time fees or other fee be required to maintain the pendency of the application, authorization is hereby provided to charge any required fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

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